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POWDER SPRINGS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DEFRAUDING HIS EMPLOYER OF OVER \$500,000

ROME, GA – ANTHONY WARMUS, 56, of Powder Springs, Georgia, pleaded guilty today in federal district court to mail fraud, related to a scheme to divert company money to personal use.

“This is a case of a well-paid company executive who stole more than a half-million dollars from his employer and blew it on vacations, golf and fancy dinners,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “This defendant may now reconsider his priorities when he is serving time in federal prison. White collar criminals should know that we prosecute them as vigorously as we pursue bank robbers and drug traffickers.”

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: In 2000, WARMUS became the financial controller for Applied Thermoplastics Resources, (ATR), a company in Cartersville that recycles waste and leftover nylon from carpet mills. In the five years between June 21, 2001, and July 31, 2006, WARMUS wrote 91 checks on ATR’s accounts that were payable to himself, in amounts between \$2,000 and \$25,000, for a total of about \$508,000. WARMUS was able to hide his theft by manipulating ATR’s inventory figures in its monthly accounting reports. ATR fired him in August 2006.

In an interview with an FBI agent in September 2007, WARMUS admitted the entire scheme and told the federal agent that he spent nearly all the money he took from ATR on meals, golf and vacations. An investigation of WARMUS’ finances did not find any evidence of the \$508,000 or any hidden assets.

WARMUS was indicted in April 2008 on one count of mail fraud. He pleaded guilty today to that one count in a non-negotiated plea with the United States. He could receive a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000, plus full restitution to ATR. In determining the actual sentence, the Court will consider the United States Sentencing Guidelines, which are not binding but provide appropriate sentencing ranges for most offenders.

Sentencing is scheduled for October 30, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., before United States District Judge Robert L. Vining.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney William G. Traynor is prosecuting the case.

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